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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, TH, US

SUBJ: REPORTS OF RETURN OF US TROOPS TO THAILAND DENIED

1. NOISY COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ABOUT THE ALLEGED, IMMINENT RETURN OF US TROOPS TO THAILAND AND THE REOPENING OF US BASES RECEIVED AN ASSIST FROM RADIO AUSTRALIA JAN 12, WHICH REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF CINCPAC'S RECENT VISIT TO THAILAND WAS TO DISCUSS THE REOPENING OF US BASES HERE.

2. THE THAI NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER ON JAN 18 ISSUED A DENIAL OF THE RADIO AUSTRALIA REPORT, STATING THAT THE NEW COMMANDER WAS MAKING A GET-ACQUAINTED VIST TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. THIS DENIAL WAS CARRIED IN THE BANGKOK PRESS.

3. ON JAN 18, AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE, IN THE COURSE OF AN ADDRESS  
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TO THE BANGKOK ROTARY CLUB, SAID IN REGARD TO RUMORS THAT THE US INTENDS TO RE-INTRODUCE MILITARY PERSONNEL INTO THAILAND, QUOTE I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING WHATEVER TO SUCH SPECULATION... THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ASKED US TO RE-INTRODUCE MILITARY PERSONNEL INTO THAILAND AND WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO DO SO. END QUOTE. THE AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT WAS CARRIED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE JAN 19 EDITION OF THE NATION.

4. THE RUMORS, SPECULATION AND ACCUSATIONS WILL NO DOUBT CONTINUE,  
BUT AT LEAST OFFICIAL DENIALS FROM BOTH THE THAI AND US SIDE HAVE  
BEEN PUT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD ONCE AGAIN.  
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